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Today's Winner: Jimmie Johnson

Team: No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet

- **Jimmie Johnson** won the Coca-Cola 600 at Lowe's Motor Speedway, scoring his **16th** NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory in his 123rd career start.
- Johnson became **the first driver** to score **three straight Coca-Cola 600 victories**. It was Johnson's **fourth victory** and seventh finish better than seventh in eight races at Lowe's.
- It is Johnson's second victory in 2005. He also won at Las Vegas in March.
- Johnson remained first in the NASCAR NEXTEL CUP point standings, 71 ahead of second-place **Greg Biffle**.
- Johnson **won the \$90,000 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Leader Bonus** for winning the race and leading the point standings. He also won it at Las Vegas, winning \$30,000. The bonus will roll-back to \$10,000 at Dover.
- Johnson led just three times for **11 laps** including a last lap lead change - **the second time** in 2005 that there has been a lead change on the final lap. **Carl Edwards** passed Johnson on the final lap at Atlanta in March to score his career-first victory.
- Johnson scored his **third straight victory at Lowe's Motor Speedway**. **Fred Lorenzen** is the only other driver to do win three straight here.
- Johnson has scored **nine top-10 finishes** in 12 races this season, more than any other driver.
- Johnson scored the **12th victory** for car owner **Rick Hendrick** at Lowe's Motor Speedway, the most of any owner. This was Hendrick's **135th victory** as a car owner and **fifth in 12 races** this season.
- This marked the **sixth victory for Chevrolet** in 2005.

Notebook Items

- **The 21 lap leaders** in the 2005 Coca-Cola 600 is **a record for this event**. The most leaders in a NASCAR NEXTEL Cup race is 26 at Talladega set July 1986 and April 2001.
- **The 22 caution periods** in the 2005 Coca-Cola 600 is **an all-time record** in a NASCAR NEXTEL Cup race.
- **Bobby Labonte** (second) posted his 11th top-five finish in 25 races at Lowe's Motor Speedway. Labonte scored his first top-five finish since he finished third at Pocono in June 2004. He climbed from **31st to 24th** in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings.
- **Carl Edwards** (third) posted a top-five finish in his first race at Lowe's Motor Speedway. He scored his fifth top-10 finish in 12 races in 2005. Edwards has scored 10 top-10 finishes in 25 career NASCAR NEXTEL Cup races. He climbed from **13th to eighth** in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings.
- **Jeremy Mayfield** (fourth) posted his seventh top-10 finish in 23 race at Lowe's Motor Speedway. He scored his second top-10 finish in 2005.
- **Ryan Newman** (fifth) scored his fourth top-10 finish in nine races at Lowe's Motor Speedway. Newman has scored six top-10 finishes in 2005. He climbed from seventh to fourth in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings.
- **Mark Martin** (28th) **ended a 33-race streak of running at the finish** that began at Michigan last June.
- **Six of the top-10 positions** in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings changed at Lowe's Motor Speedway.
- **Jeff Gordon** (30th) posted his **fourth DNF in 2005**. No other driver in the top-10 in the point standings has more than two. Gordon dropped from third to fifth in the point standings.
- **Kurt Busch** (43rd) posted his second DNF in 2005. This was the third time in his career that he finished 43rd in a race. He finished 43rd in both races at Michigan in 2001. Busch dropped from fifth to 10th in the NASCAR NEXTEL CUP standings. He holds a **47-race streak** of ranking among the top 10 since Rockingham in February 2004.
- **Martin Truex Jr.** led four laps, the first laps led in a NASCAR NEXTEL Cup race.
- **Ricky Rudd** led one lap in the 2005 Coca-Cola 600, his first lap led since Kansas in October 2004.
- **Looking ahead to the Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup.... 16 drivers** remain within 400 points of current point leader Jimmie Johnson.